expenditure of Rs. 528 lakhs for drinking water supply in urban areas.

(d) Central assistance given covers the period upto the end of June, 1938.

Financial assistance from Australian Government for fishery, industry

3731. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE he pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Australian Government had offered financial assistance under a new scheme for the Indian fishery industry on Government to Government basis as reported in "The Hindustan Times" of the 8'h November, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated financial assistance offered; and

: d) what are the terms thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE' DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL-TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, an Austtalian Delegation visited India from 1st—7th November, 1987 to identify opportunities for collaboration with various Indian fishery organisations in the country and to convey the compatibility of the Australia ship building industry in the manufat ture of 35 meter fishing trawlers, trs nsfer of technology and managemer and training programme.

(c) and (d) do not arise.

Allocation for social Welfare scheme in Rajasthan

3732. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had re cently received proposals from the Government of Rajasthan under various Social Welfare schemes duting the last three years; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals and the details of the allocations of grants given to Rajas than during those years; year-wise scheme-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN TH MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHR GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b Proposals had been received from th Government of Rajasthan/voluntar Organisations in Rajasthan, for gran, of funds under various Social Welfaro Schemes, the details of the grants released during the past three years are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The Scheme-wise details of grants released by the Ministry of Welfare during the last three years are as under: —

*(Amounts in lakhs^*

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
A. *Handicapped Welfare:*	Rs.	Rs.	Rs,
(a) Scheme of Assistance to Organisations for Disabled	5-52	7 24	6. 41
(b) Scholarships for Disabled Persons	10. 00	15 27	17. 00
(c) Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting for Aids/Appliances.....	15 00	17 00	20. 0C
(d) Scheme of Subsidies on Purchase of Petrol/Diesel by disabled Persons owning Motor-vehicles	05	06	Nil

	1984-85	1985-86	I986-87
e) Scheme of District Rehabilitation Centres	Nil	15-60	No proposal received.
f) Scheme of Special Employment Exchanges/Cell	. 19	. 67	Nil
Social Defence:			
\&) Scheme for the Welfare of children in need of care and protection.	7-26	3. 67	15. 57
(b) Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Educational work, for Prohibi ion, for Counselling and Rehabilitation of Alcoholics/Drug Addicts and other Victims of Social Crime.....	Nil	6. 62	10-67
(e) Scheme of Prevention and Control of Social Mal-adjust-	Nil	Nil	500
' *iteational issistance to Voluntary Organisations*	Nil	3-90	2-40

Coconut cultivation

3733. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any rogramme to improve coconut culti-ation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details there-

(c) what is the total hectares of ind under coconut cultivation and the . otal production of coconut during the last three years;

(d) whether any research was done to multiply the coconut, hybrids for potential yield of oil; and

(e) if so, what were the findings of uch roasearch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Government of India 'through Coconut Development Board implementing projects such as (i) roduction of Quality Planting Mate-al; (ii) Expansion of area under oconut; (hi) Improving productivity f Coconut; and (iv) Improving Post arvest Processing of Coconut to improve coconut cultivation in the country.

(c) The latest available statistics of area and production of coconut in the country for three years are giTen below;

Year	Area (lakh ha.)	Production (million nuts)
1983-84	11. 66	58>7. 9
1984-85	11. 83	6912-8
1985-86	12. 09	6620. 0

(d) and (e) The research under taken by I. C. A. R, at Central Planta tion Crops Research Institute has re sulted in standardisation of technique for production of hybrids especially DXT on commercial scale. The re search work on Tissue Culture Tech nology for Multiplication of high yielding planting material has also been undertaken by the I. C. A. R.

Paper quota and advertisements to Registered Newspapers

3734. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL; Will the Minister ofINFORMATION AND BROADCASTING the pleased to s'ate:

(a) what is the number of newspapers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers of India;

(b) the number of Newspapers out of those which get paper quo'a from Government and advertisements through the DAVP; and

(c) what are the criteria fo getting paper quota and advertisements through the DAVP?